

Gravatt, Dan

From: Washburn, Ben
Sent: Thursday, July 31, 2014 8:55 AM
To: Carey, Curtis; Jackson, Robert W.; Field, Jeff; Gravatt, Dan
Subject: FW:

Dawn just sent this in, in response to the WLU.

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From: Dawn Chapman [mailto:dmcteacher@gmail.com]
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Subject:

Ben,
I would really appreciate you or someone at Region 7 removing or correcting the comment about me not walking around showing locations at BMAC! I'm very confused, because I'm pretty sure it was Todd who was uncomfortable with the press following us and asked me if we could walk back to the pavilion after examining the ditch since a member of press was overheard suggesting that they should mark the locations and ask the station to pay for samples! We agreed that I would come back if I could or email you the GPS coordinates, which I did the following morning. I also think its worth pointing out that myself along with Doug Clemens who was there that day at BMAC actually tried to warn both techs that using Koch Park would create an issue once the community found out. Also present were two coaches who were very concerned...one had worked at contaminated sites and had experience. I think it was great you invited us, but just like recommendations made from the CAG, it seems EPA is not willing to take even the slightest most logical input from the community.

Lastly, I would also like to point out that we were right! The machine and tests we did turned out to be correct...there was in fact a spike of Lead 210 in the ditch. We never stated it was above EPA's level, but instead pointed out that at a FUSRAP site this was their remediation level as well as a level used by ATSDR for human risk assessment that I just checked and is currently still being used by EPA under CERCLA. And I would very much like to see EPA's remediation level for Lead 210 along with a document that shows where it has been applied in the state of Missouri, as it apparently varies greatly from FUSRAP's level. Also, an apology to the moms would be nice and appropriate since your new letter just confirmed what we stated and absolutely contradicts what Karl Brooks said at the Bridgeton press conference. In case you forgot I'm also including the letter Jeffrey Field wrote specifically to me stating we were wrong and it was NOT Lead 210.
http://www.epa.gov/region07/cleanup/west_lake_landfill/pdf/west-lake-response-dawn-chapman.pdf

" In reviewing decay spectrum data centered at your peak, there does seem to be a naturally occurring radionuclide, beryllium-7, that is a cosmogenic radionuclide. A cosmogenic radionuclide is created by charged particles in the upper atmosphere similar to the way carbon-14 is created and used in carbon dating."

Thank you,
Dawn

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